



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SONORA PASS IN TUOLUMNE COUNTY OPENS *Sonora Pass/State Route 108 is Now Open For the Summer Season*

TUOLUMNE COUNTY — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has removed the winter snow, cleared the debris, made necessary repairs and opened State Route 108 (SR-108)/Sonora Pass at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Caltrans manages three trans-Sierra passes in the Central Sierra that are closed during winter and generally open in spring: Ebbetts Pass/ SR-4 in Alpine County, Sonora Pass/SR-108 (Tuolumne County) and Monitor Pass/SR-89 (Alpine County). Tioga Pass/SR-120 is managed by Yosemite National Park.

Sonora Pass rises to 9,623 feet, making it the second highest pass in the Sierra. Even with low volumes of snow, Sonora Pass and Ebbetts Pass require closure during the winter season. Sonora Pass has grades in excess of 20% and Ebbetts Pass had grades in excess of 23%, far exceeding typical highway grades of 6%. The steep grades, high elevation and narrow road cannot accommodate snow removal equipment and vehicular traffic at the same time.

Travelers are advised that there are minimal services available and limited mobile phone service along the high elevations of Sonora Pass. Visitors are also advised to have a full tank of gas and to carry extra food, water and clothing to be prepared for any emergencies.

Caltrans crews responsible for the road opening extend their best wishes for safe summer traveling to those who enjoy the recreational opportunities this part of California has to offer.

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